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1. In 1947, the total production of tractors in the Hoffherr-Schranz and the MAVAG factories in Hungary was slightly over 3,000.
2. By order of the Russian authorities in Hungary the Hoffherr-Schranz factory is to discontinue the production of tractors, and both that factory and MAVAG are to produce tanks.\*
3. In order to step up the national steel production a new blast furnace has been erected at Ózd, near Diosgyőr.\*\* 50X1-HUM
4. The Hoffherr-Schranz factory has been ordered by the Russians to cancel its contracts for the sale of tractors abroad, and to cancel the delivery of tractors ready for shipment in fulfillment of previous contracts abroad.
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6. The MAVAG received similar instructions about six months ago. 50X1-HUM

\* Comment: There have been several contradictory reports stating that the Hoffherr-Schranz factory was starting the production of tanks, but so far, confirmation has not been obtained. There are, however, indications that these factories are used for the reconditioning and repairing of tanks supplied to the Hungarian Army by the USSR.

\*\* Comment: This information has appeared in the press

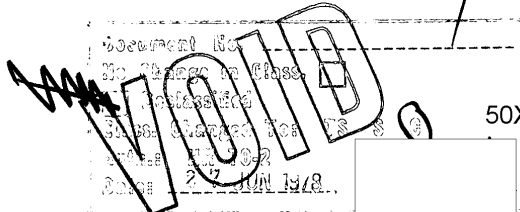
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